

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification because commas are missing on page 7, line 14, of the specification after the words "audio" and "graphics". In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the specification has been amended to include these commas. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

The examiner has objected to claims 30-33. Claims 30-41 have been cancelled. Accordingly, this objection is now moot.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11-18, 21-23, 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azadegan and Egawa. Claims 4, 5, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azadegan, Egawa and Ngai. Claims 8, 9, 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azadegan, Egawa and Tillman. Claims 10 and 26 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azadegan, Egawa and Wachob. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

This application claims priority to application Serial No. 08/443,607 (hereinafter the '607 application), filed May 18, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,724,091 (hereinafter the '091 patent). As explained below, the pending claims in this application are all supported by the '607 application and, therefore, are entitled to the May 18, 1995, priority date.

Independent claim 1 claims 1) storing a plurality of digitally compressed video signals on a digital versatile disk, each signal corresponding to a different video option of a program, wherein the plurality of video signals comprise at least one standard video signal (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 8, ll. 18-33); 2) receiving the plurality of digitally compressed video signals (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 2, ll. 43-46); 3) selecting one of the video options (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 2, ll. 46-50); 4) digitally decompressing the selected video signal corresponding to the selected video option (this is supported by the '091 patent, *id.*); and displaying the selected video signal corresponding to the selected video option (this is supported by the '091 patent, *id.*), wherein visual transition to the selected video signal is

seamless (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 3, lls. 55-61).

Independent claim 16 claims 1) a digital versatile disk, wherein the digital versatile disk stores a plurality of digitally compressed video signals (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 8, ll. 18-33); 2) a receiver operably connected to the digital versatile disk, for receiving a plurality of digitally compressed video signals, each signal corresponding to a different video option of a program, wherein the plurality of video signals comprises at least one standard video signal (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 2, ll. 43-46); 3) a processor, connected to the receiver, wherein the processor selects one of the video options (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 8, ll. 31-33 and FIGs. 3-5); a digital decompressor, operably connected to the processor, for decompressing the selected video signal corresponding to the selected video option (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 2, ll. 46-50, and FIGs. 3-5); and a display screen, operably connected to the digital decompressor, for displaying the selected video signal corresponding to the selected video option, wherein visual transition to the selected video signal is seamless (this is supported by the '091 patent, col. 3, lls. 55-61).

Dependent claims 2-15 and 17-29 are all similarly supported by '091 patent and, therefore, are also entitled to the May 18, 1995, priority date of the '607 application. The version of the specification of the Azadegan patent cited by the Examiner was not filed until June 6, 1995, after applicants' priority date. Further, the version of the specification of the Egawa patent cited by the Examiner was not filed until July 21, 1995, again, after applicants' priority date.

The Ngai patent was not filed until May 6, 1996 and the Tillman patent was not filed until December 7, 1998. Accordingly, the only reference cited by the Examiner, which is prior art to the pending claims is the Wachob patent, which is only cited by the Examiner to show a user profile. Since the Examiner has not shown that the claimed invention was known or obvious prior to applicants' priority date, pending claims 1-29 should be allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, a notice of allowance is solicited.

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